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LOCAL WOMEN VIE FOR UM HOMECOMING QUEEN TITLE

MISSOULA --

What once might have been common crosstown rivalry has become a royal rivalry at The University of Montana, where three Missoula women are vying for the title of Homecoming Queen.

This year's three queen candidates are 1993 graduates of Missoula high schools. Candidates Gillian Glaes and Kelly McFarlane were classmates at Hellgate High School, while Karissa Reinke studied across town at Sentinel High School.

Today all three are UM seniors. Glaes, a history and French major, and Reinke, an organizational communication major, are members of UM Advocates; Reinke and McFarlane, a pre-pharmacy major, are members of sororities.

A committee selects Homecoming royalty candidates based on leadership qualities and academic achievements. UM Homecoming organizers say this year marks the first time that so many members of the royal court are from Missoula. Usually, there's a good mix of Montana and out-of-state students represented, said Betsy Holmquist of the UM Alumni Association.

"It's pretty unique," Glaes said. "I think it says a lot about the caliber of students we have coming from Missoula."

King candidates are Chris Kolhouse, a senior in business management and psychology from Denver, Colo.; Jeremy Hueth, a senior in political science and psychology from Glasgow; and Michael Letson, a senior in international business from Helena.

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Two of the students will be named king and queen Friday, Oct. 11, during the traditional Singing on the Steps celebration at 7:30 p.m. in front of Main Hall. The royal court will be honored at a reception after SOS at the Davidson Honors College. UM's Homecoming celebration will continue through Saturday, Oct. 12, with a parade at 10 a.m., a Grizzly-Idaho State Bengals football game at 1:30 p.m. and fireworks at Southgate Mall at 9:15 p.m.

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